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Dear Allen:

I am dictating this note on Washington's birthday in Bogota, Columbia - one of the earlier stops on my current 12-nation tour of Latin America with Governor Stevenson.

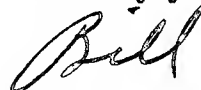
The editorial office of Britannica has notified me that the 1960 "Britannica Book of the Year" will be off the press shortly - and I am instructing them to send you a copy with my compliments.

This new issue of our annual Yearbook records the major events and developments of 1959 - in some 1,000 articles and 1,000,000 words.

It was an eventful year - and what year isn't? - though perhaps not as likely to loom in history as does 1957, with its sputniks, or 1958, with its voyage of the "Nautilus" and the climax of the International Geophysical Year. And can we perhaps agree that 1960 must be momentous if only because of the presidential campaign?

I call your attention to the two feature articles in this 1960 Yearbook - one on Hawaii, which was admitted to the Union last year - and the other on "Dating the Past", dealing with the new scientific methods for determining precise dates of ancient and prehistoric events. It is my hope to contribute the major feature article to next year's "Book of the Year". This will deal with my current trip. I have tentatively titled it the "Voice of South America", following the pattern I set with my "Voice of the Kremlin" report in the 1956 book.

Sincerely yours,



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